Claims

1. Method for transmitting messages in a network via data
terminals connected thereto, comprising the following steps:
5 - sending a message (14) to be relayed from a sender data
terminal to an assigned first mail processing device (2),
- assigning a unique identifier to the message (14), which
indicates that a message to be relayed is on the sender data
terminal or in the first mail processing device (2),
10 - evaluating the identifier by the first mail processing
device (2) based on data present therein concerning the entry
of messages at an address data terminal from the past, and
- in response to the evaluation result, triggering or blocking
the transmission of the message (14) or parts thereof to the
15 address data terminal.

2. Method for transmitting messages in a network via data
terminals connected thereto, comprising the following steps:
- sending a message (14) to be relayed from a sender data
20 terminal to an assigned first mail processing device (2),
- assigning a unique identifier to the message (14), which
indicates that a message to be relayed is on the sender data
terminal or in the first mail processing device (2),
- relaying the identifier to a second mail processing device
25 (4), which is assigned to an address data terminal for the
message to be forwarded,
- evaluating the identifier by the second mail processing
device (4) based on data present therein concerning the entry
of messages at an address data terminal from the past, and
30 - in response to the evaluation result, triggering or blocking
the transmission of the message (14) or parts thereof to the
address data terminal.

3. Method according to claim 1 or 2,

characterized in that

the data concerning the entry of messages in the address data

terminal is stored in the address data terminal and/or in the

5   first mail-processing device (2).

4. Method according to claim 2,

characterized in that

the data concerning the entry of messages in the address data

10   terminal is stored in the second mail-processing device (2,4).

5. Method according to one of the above claims,

characterized in that

the first mail-processing device (2) is implemented in the

15   sender-data terminal and/or the second mail-processing device

(4) is implemented in the address data terminal.

6. Method according to one of the above claims,

characterized in that

20   the identifier is evaluated on a mail server in the network.

7. Method according to one of the above claims,

characterized in that

the identifier consists of subidentifiers, each of which are

25   assigned message elements, for example a header and/or one or

more attachments, with each subidentifier being evaluated in

the respective mail processing device (2,4) based on the data

present therein concerning the entry of messages at the

address data terminal from the past, and with transmission of

30   the respective message element being triggered or blocked in

response to the evaluation result.

8. Method according to one of the above claims,

characterized in that
if the transmission is blocked on the basis of the evaluation
result, a notification of the blocked transmission is
forwarded to the sender (1) and/or recipient (5).

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9. Method according to one of the above claims,
characterized in that
the identifier and/or the relevant subidentifier indicates the
date and time of creation of the original message where these
10   differ from the time of transmission, and/or an e-mail address
of an original sender if this differs from the e-mail address
of the sender (1), and/or the contents of the message (14) or
of the respective message element.

15   10. Data terminal for executing the method according to one of
the above claims,
having a mail processing device (2,4), which is designed such
that an identifier for a message (14) based on data present
concerning the entry of messages at an address data terminal
20   from the past is evaluated in an evaluation unit, and such
that, based on the evaluation result, transmission of a
message (14) - or parts thereof - to the address data terminal
is triggered or blocked.

25   11. Data terminal according to claim 10,
characterized in that
the mail-processing device (2,4) forms part of a mail server,
which is integrated in the data terminal.

30   12. Data terminal according to claim 10 or 11,
characterized by
a memory unit for storing data concerning the entry of
messages at a different data terminal.

13. Network for executing the method according to one of the
above claims,

having a mail processing device (2,4), which is designed such

5   that an identifier for a message (14) is evaluated in an

evaluation unit based on data present concerning the entry of

messages at an address data terminal from the past, and such

that, based on the evaluation result, transmission of a

message (14) - or parts thereof - to the address data terminal

10   is triggered or blocked.

14. Network according to claim 13,

characterized in that

the mail-processing device (2,4) forms part of a mail server.

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15. Network according to claim 13 or 14,

characterized by

a memory unit for storing data concerning the entry of

messages at connected data terminals.